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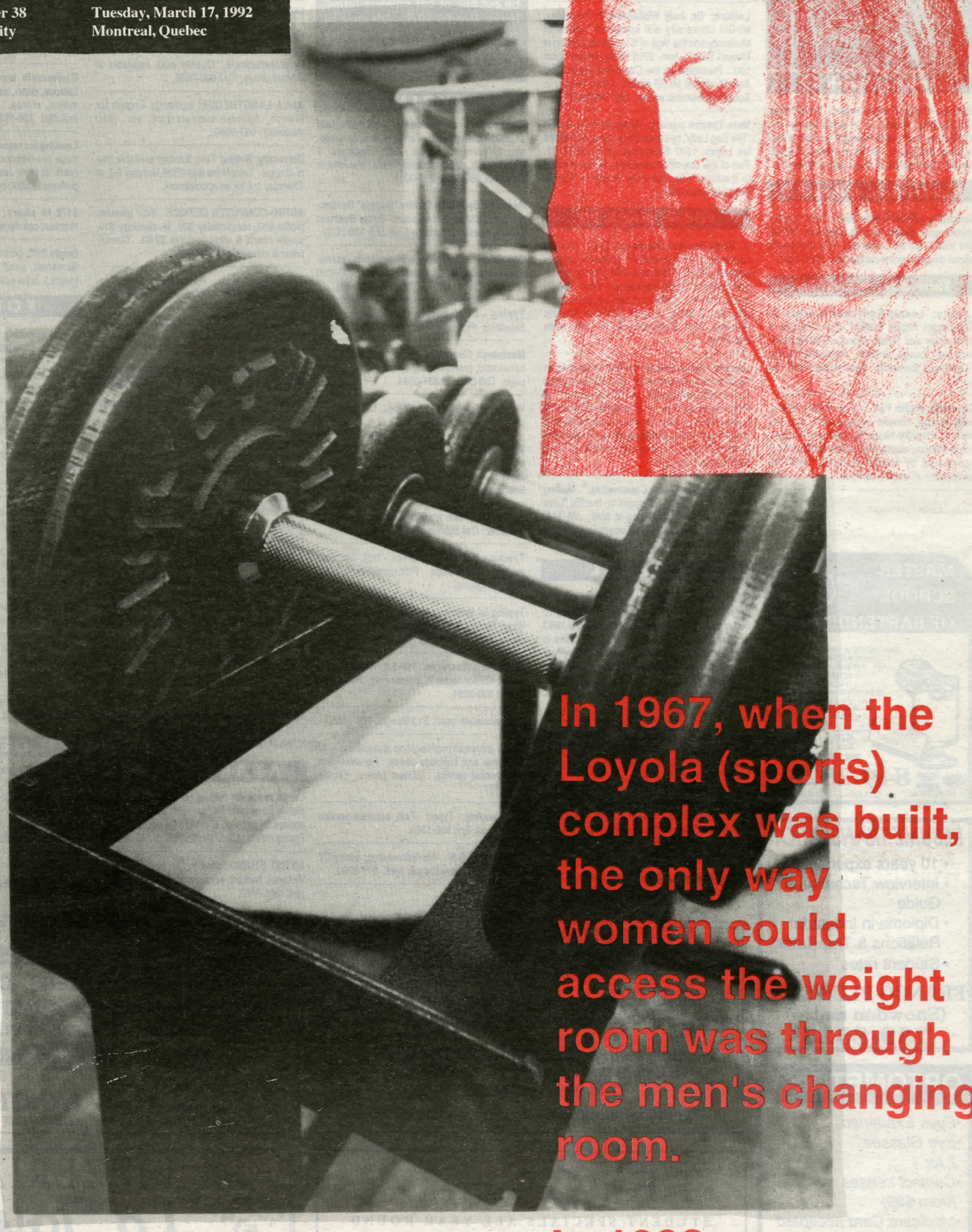

In 1967, when the Loyola (sports) complex was built, the only way women could access the weight room was through the men's changing room.

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AGENDA

The Agenda is a FREE service to publicize Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info. at our office, room H-649 in the Hall Building, or mail it in, indicating AGENDA on the envelope. Deadlines are 5 pm Friday for Tuesday issues, and 5pm Wednesday for Friday's issues.

Tuesday, March 17

"Women of Spirit" video series. Today's film: "The Burning Times," an in-depth look at the witch craze that swept through Europe a few hundred years ago. Noon, at Annex Z, 2090 Mackay. Sponsored by the Campus Ministry.

Wednesday, March 18

Concordia Animal Rights Day: CARA & other animal rights groups such as Zoocheck, META, and Vital 7 will be presenting info along with artists' displays on the mezzanine, 10am-6pm.

Thursday, March 19

Lecture: Leonid Kadychev to speak on "Challenges Facing Russia," at the School of Community and Public Affairs, 2149 Mackay, basement lounge, at 3pm. Presented by the Economics Students' Association and the SCPA.

Concordia Health Fair: Info on healthy eating, body image, fitness assessment, healthy weights, healthy sexuality, and much more. 10am-6:30pm, mezzanine of the Hall building. Sponsored by Health Services with the participation of student services.

"Native Justice and the Land" video and discussion series continues with "Blockade: Algonquins Defend the Forest." This film follows a small group of Native people as they take on the government and the logging industry in a struggle to save their land and way of life. Noon at Annex-Z. Sponsored by Campus Ministry. Info: 848-3586.

Lecture: Dr. Judy Whitehead, Anthropology, McGill University will speak on "Myths of Modernity and the 'Age of Consent' legislation in Modern India." 3pm, 3715 Peel, seminar room 100. Presented by the Centre for Developing Area Studies at McGill as part of their Gender in South Asia seminar series. Info: 398-3507.

Meta Theatre presents Rebekah Guha-Roy in "The Bag Lady" by Lance Dady, 8pm, at Theatre les Loges, 1237 Sanguinet. Info: 598-9151. Part of the box-office revenues will be donated to the Concordia University Women's Studies Students Association.

Friday, March 20

A. Ross Seaman Memorial Cup: friendly competition of "Spaceball" between Leisure Studies, APSS, Dawson's CRLT programme, and YMCA's Camp Kanawana. Also: variety show, t-shirts, buffet dinner, an auction, & awards. 2:30pm, Loyola Campus Athletic Complex, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W. Info: Anita 489-7723.

Lecture: Helen Forsey, a writer and activist in the feminist, environmental, and Native support movements will speak on "Ecofeminism." A "down-to-earth" look at ecofeminism, including some theory, some herstory, connections to other movements, and ecofeminism in practice. H-1070, 7:30pm. Presented by WSSA. Info: 848-7449 or 848-2373.

"Learning from John Cassavettes." Visiting lecturer Ray Carney will speak on the film "Love Streams" after a screening at 6pm. VA-114. Presented by the Cinema Department and the Art History Department. Info: 848-4666.

GENERAL

Peer Helper programme: applications are now being accepted from students wishing to volunteer as peer helpers for the 1992-1993 academic year. Deadline for applications is April 3, 1992. Forms are available at the Peer Helper Office, Campus Ministry, Health and Guidance Services on both campuses, and at the Applied Social Services Department. Info: 848-2859.

Concordia's Debating Society meets twice weekly: Wednesdays at 7pm in the CI Annex, Fridays at 2pm in room H-505. All are welcome. For more info call 848-7412.

Kavanah-Jewish Student Magazine is seeking submissions for our Spring edition. Deadline, March 20. Submissions may be dropped off at Hillel House, 3460 Stanley St. Info: 845-9171.

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Letter sends chill through CUSA accounts

Bank freezes funds

by Eugenia Xenos

People who want to cash CUSA and CUSACorp cheques this week can forget it.

Last Friday, CUSA's bank froze funds in CUSA and CUSACorp's account after the newly-created "Council of Directors" sent a notarized copy of motions saying the co-presidents no longer have signing authority for the association.

The Council of Directors is composed of commerce director Kerry Schacter, Arts and Science directors Michael Spowart and Sophie Desjardins, and engineering director David Dichmann.

The letter said that Schacter and Desjardins are now the signing officers for the association instead of current co-presidents Charlene Nero and Eleanor Brown.

But according to a Judicial Board ruling last Thursday, the Council is illegitimate since it was created at an illegal meeting held last Wednesday. The ruling said the meeting was held without sufficient notice as laid out in the CUSA constitutution.

"The directors had no legal right to go to the bank," said CUSA v.p. finance Darren Porter. "They were already aware of the Judicial Board's decision. The only thing the notarization says is that the signatures are authentic."

Porter said he first realized there was a problem with the account when a CUSACorp employee came in with a $61 cheque the bank would not honour.

He said when he contacted the bank, he was told the accounts were frozen as a result of the letter. Porter said there are about 200 cheques currently in circulation and "whether the Council intended it or not, it has caused a whole slew of problems and expenses."

Porter said that by the time the whole situation is straightened out, the cost could total up to $10,000, including the bounced cheques, ads and posters publicizing why employees' cheques will bounce, and lawyer's fees.

"CUSA is going to ask that the bank absorb all service costs and send us an apology," Porter said. "But if they don't absorb the costs, we're looking to sue the Council for the expenses they caused."

Dichmann said it was never the Council's intention to freeze the CUSA accounts. "It hinders the clubs, academic and non-academic," Dichmann said. "We just wanted the bank to know that we had passed these motions and wished to know what procedures are necessary to change signing powers."

He said as far as he knew, the bank's lawyers had been consulted and they decided to freeze the account, "but I don't believe it was a direct result of the letter." He said it may have been for other reasons, such as CUSA being overdrawn.

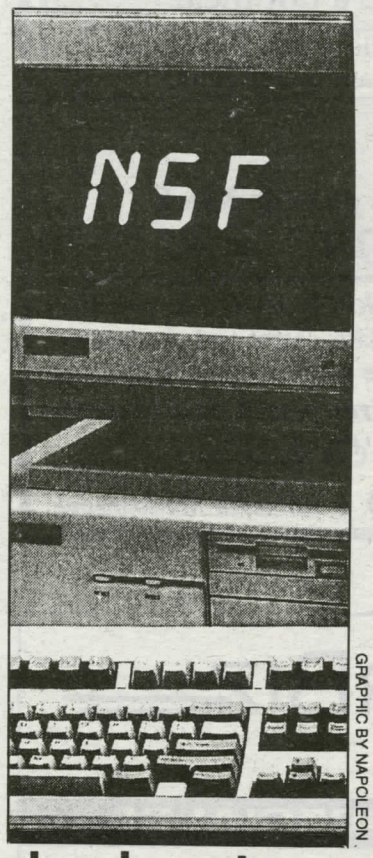
But CUSA co-president Charlene Nero said, "the bank isn't saying it froze our account because we're overdrawn, it's saying they did it because there's a dispute about who the signing officers are."

She said CUSA is overdrawn by $154,000 because of funds owed by the Commerce and Administration Students' Association and the Engineering and Computer Science Asssociation (about $80,000 combined), as well as "some ineptitude on the part of some personnel who are no longer with us." She said CUSA is waiting for university statements to see what has not been properly charged.

Porter said the rest of the money will be forthcoming by June, when the university releases the rest of students' fees to CUSA. "It's a normal situation for CUSA seeing that a large sum of its revenue comes two weeks after its fiscal year is over. Last year, CUSA was overdrawn by $54,000 on the day the governments switched over."

The bank branch's manager, Jocelyn Gagnon, said the bank cannot comment on the situation since all accounts are confidential. However, he said the bank is not conducting its own investigation.

Porter said he has called the "fraud squad" (of the MUC police) to investigate the situation.



GRAPHIC BY NAPOLEON

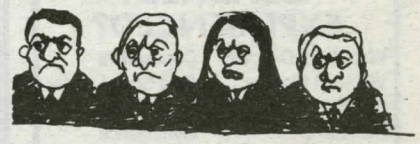
Nero said, "What this indicates is that you or I can walk into a bank and say that you protest the way IBM (or any other company) is run. And you can scrawl on a piece of paper a motion saying that the sole signing authority for IBM should go to you. And the bank will simply freeze IBM's account, saying it doesn't want to take sides.

"I'm saying that by freezing our account, the bank has already taken a side."

Dichmann said "it disturbs me that the account was frozen so quickly."

Nero said the bank's lawyer now wants to see the original Judicial Board decision (with the corporate seal and Judicial Board signatures), a copy of CUSA's constitution and other such documentation before it unfreezes the account.

"The bank has asked that we solve this matter internally. I'm saying that we already have — the Judicial Board has made its ruling. And I'm sorry if the Council cannot accept this 'flawed and uninformed' decision, but legalities are legalities."



Immigration Act discriminates against same sex couples

VANCOUVER(CUP)-A Yukon lesbian is taking on the federal government over the Immigration Act which is threatening to rip her family apart.

Andrea Underwood's application to sponsor Anna Carrott, her common-law partner of eight years, and Carrott's two children, was rejected by the Whitehorse immigration department.

Department of Immigration spokesperson Allan Chisholm said Underwood's application was denied because it doesn't conform to immigration legislation.

"The Immigration Act currently reads that in order for a spouse to sponsor their spouse, that spouse has to be of a different sex, and they have to be married," he said.

Underwood filed a statement of claim in federal court in mid-February, which says she is being discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation and family status. Her claim states the Immigration Act violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Carrott and her daughter were facing deportation to England until the federal immigration minister, Bernard Valcourt, signed a last minute permit Mar. 2, allowing the Carrotts to remain in Canada while they fight the order. Carrott's son, Odin, returned to England to continue his studies.

Helen Fallding, a member of the Lesbian Issues Committee of the Yukon Status of Women Council, said a similar application by a heterosexual would be automatically accepted. The federal government is breaking its 1985 promise to eliminate discrimination, said Fallding.

"Not only have they not done this, but they have continued to actively challenge our rights in court," she said.

Fallding said Underwood's claim is a family issue.

"You can't rip a family apart and ship them out to another country, it's not fair," she said.

The Carrotts came with Underwood to the Yukon on visitor's visas, and Underwood and Anna Carrott purchased a business together.

Bob Beresh, manager of the Whitehorse immigration department, told Carrott on Jan. 13 to withdraw her children from school because they did not have the proper visas.

But Fred Smith, Yukon superintendent of schools, said a lawyer has advised him the children should be allowed to attend school on an interim basis.

In Dec. 1991, the United Nations passed a convention guaranteeing basic rights for children, including education. Canada was one of 40 countries that signed the convention.

The minister's permit allows Carrott's daughter, Amy, to attend school.

NEWSBRIEFS

CUS(ue)A strikes back

Concordian publisher and editor James Kaylor has seven days to cough up the more than $11,000 in student fees CUSA gave the newspaper last fall.

Kaylor received a courier-delivered notice at his home yesterday advising him to pay back the amount or face legal action.

CUSA co-president Charlene Nero said CUSA wants the money back because *the Concordian* was not incorporated when CUSA gave the its fees.

"We gave the cheque to the Journal Étudiant Le Concordien, an entity which doesn't exist, of which Kaylor represented himself as publisher," Nero said. "Why should students pay an individual to run a newspaper?"

Nero said Kaylor told her he would send proof that he had filed for incorporation but "I still haven't seen it," Nero said.

Nero added that she decided to take the legal route when she recently discovered the paper wasn't legally recognized under Quebec's Newspaper Declaration Act.

"This is very dubious," Nero said. "The press act exists to protect papers (in case of a law suit) and to make them responsible. The *Concordian* has been irresponsible in terms of financial and moral accountabilty."

Kaylor said he did not want to comment until he saw the notice.

Nero gets 12 phone threats

CUSA co-president Charlene Nero got 12 phone threats on the unlisted phone number in her Hall Building office.

The worset came in Friday afternoon. The caller told her: "You're dead. This time we mean it."

"If it was one threat, you could pretend to say this is the isolated act of a crazy individual," Nero said. "But some people obviously see this as a legitimate form of political discourse. It's as if, because you don't like someone's politics it is acceptable to threaten and badger them."

Nero said she detected three different voices. The calls came from both inside and outside the university. Internal calls can be detected by the length of the ring.

"I wish I could say I can't believe what's going on, but in connection to the ongoing atmosphere of violence against women and gays and lesbians in our society it is a very real threat."

Police are investigating the threats and security has been stepped up at the CUSA Hall Building office on the sixth floor.

"A threat to one is a threat to all," Nero said.

"White bread" case toasted

TORONTO(CUP)—Queen's University has dismissed a racial harassment complaint agains a student newspaper which compared white bread to brown bread.

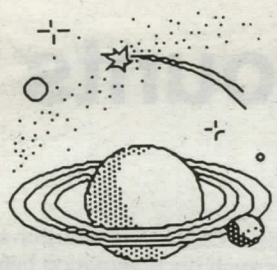
Third-year student Mark Givens had argued that the Oct. 24, 1991 column in Surface demeaned white people with the negative comparison.

But the university's disciplinary board decided last week that because white people are "an historically advantaged majority," the column didn't poison the campus environment for them.

Surface editor Suzanne Kim said she's pleased with the decision, and hopes it will set a precedent for quelling "reverse discrimination" charges against minority students.

"There's a lot of accusation that minorities have this tyrannical power," Kim added. "I'm glad an official body came out and said publicy that this isn't the case."

Givens was originally seeking an apology from Surface, but said he will not appeal the decision.



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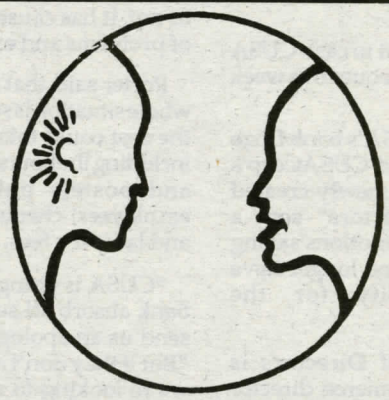

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Jehovah's Witnesses are punished for not being soldiers

by Chris Conrath

He is crammed into a jail cell with 12 other men. His crime, their crime, is following a religious belief. A belief that asks them not to become soldiers.

Vasilis Kefalis, 20, was taught "not to learn war nor to lift a sword against another nation" and for this he was sentenced to four years in prison.

Amnesty International estimates that Kefalis is one of over 400 conscientious objectors imprisoned in Greece today. They are all Jehovah's Witnesses.

"The living conditions are very bad. We live 12 to 15 persons in one cell of 25 metres surface," Kefalis told Amnesty International. "Here in prison, I have plenty of time to read — so I read the Holy Scriptures and car and motorcycle magazines. I also get visitors for two hours every Monday. This is my life in prison."

Ted Ewanchyna of Amnesty International said, "The Jehovah's Witnesses are the only religious group — in fact the only group — being targeted by the authorities

"For every 50 they release they seem to find another 50 to arrest," he added.

Greek legislation currently makes no provision for alternative non-military service.

A.I. saidthat the lack of alternative civilian service is in direct defiance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (article 18) which guarantees the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

The United Nations passed a resolution in 1989 stating that it recognizes, "the right of everyone to conscientious objections to military service as a legitimate exercise of the right of freedom of religion." All other European nations with military service have a civilian alternative.

Sheila Peters of A.I. said the Greek government, in a show of good faith, must stop arresting Jehovah's Witnesses while deciding how to implement an alternative service.

But Dimitri Mastoracos, spokesperson for the Greek consulate, said an alternative service is not necessary.

"Their religion says that they should not carry guns and we respect their beliefs. It is just that they want to completely avoid any service," Mastoracos said.

Robert Wilkins, a Montreal Jehovah's Witness minister, said such statements are based on a lack of understanding of their religion. "As non-violent followers of Jesus, we will not take part in anything affiliated with the military in any way, shape, or form," he said.

Mastoracos said there is no need for a legislation change and several Concordia's Greek students agree.

"The law says you have to go and can't refuse. If you could get out, then everyone would be claiming that they are Jehovah's Witnesses," said Georgia Lombardos, President of Concordia's Hellenic Society.

John Lambrakis, a member of the Society, agreed. "Everyone should serve in the military. It's simple it's the law."

Said Lombardos: "I talked to a lot of people this morning about whether we should sign the A.I. letter (an A.I. letter of protest to the Greek president about the Witnesses in jail), but everyone felt that you should have to do your service if you are called up."

Greece has draft lotteries each month for men between the ages of 18 and 40. Those called must serve two years in the armed forces. Those who refuse are given a choice: four-and-a-half years in the unarmed military, or jail. But Amnesty said, in the past, those who refused on non-religious grounds were not arrested.

"For us it is a long term project because it is dealing not with one person, but rather a government's policy toward a religion," Ewanchyna.said.

He said Jehovah Witnesses are being targeted because their religion violates a Greek law that forbids proselytism — the attempt to convert a person from one religion to another. Proselytism is part of the Jehovah's Witness' doctrine.

In the past eight years, there have been over 2,000 arrests and some 400 convictions under this law.. Though few people serve prison time for the offence, Greece still remains the only European nation with such a law.

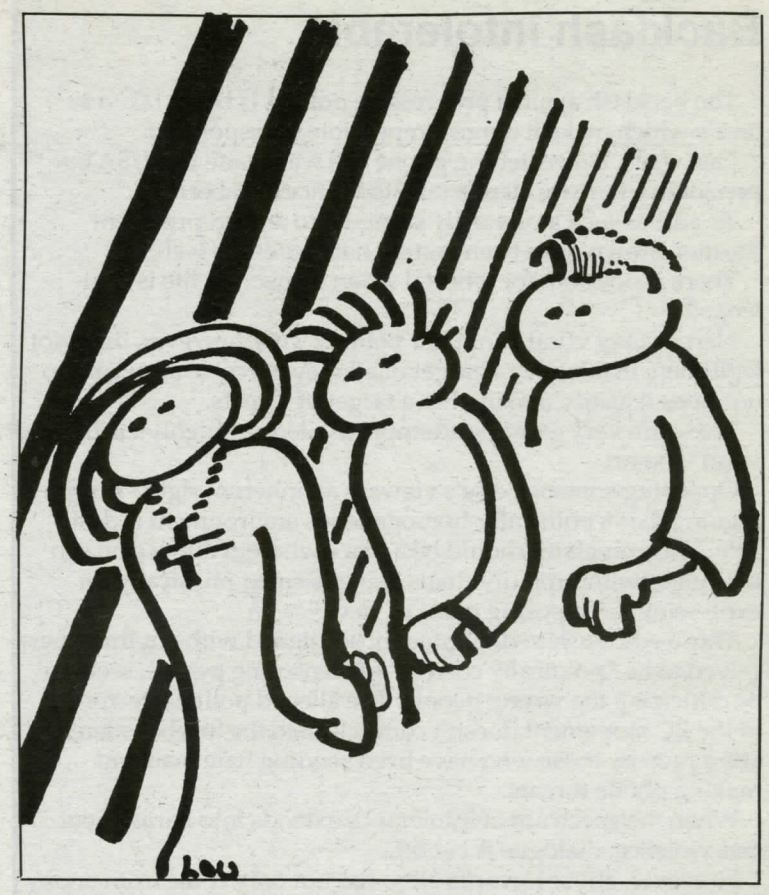
The Greek Orthodox church says Jehovah's Witnesses corrupt the moral foundation of Greece when they proselytize. They consider it to be an invasion of their privacy and contrary to freedom of belief.

"Greeks are very against the Jehovah's Witnesses — but I'm sure most don't really know why. It is just something that carries down from one generation to the next," Lombardos said.

Wilkins hopes this will soon change..

"It took years, but the Supreme Court decisions here, in the U.S. and in Europe guarantee and protect our rights to proselytize," he said.

Meanwhile, on the issue of alternative military service, the Greek government continues to drag its feet. In May of 1991, the Minister of Defence promised that the issue of alternative service would be dealt with quickly; and the Minister of Justice said the issue would be dealt with in the next six months. To date, nothing has materialized.



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CORRECTION

In the March 13 issue of *the Link*, an article said Bruce English was a Fine Arts professor. He is a Finance associate professor. Also, he did sign the amended confidentiality document at last week's search committee meeting.

The Link apologizes for any inconvenience.

Most Middle East countries are suffering in Gulf War aftermath: Kubursi

by Joumana Yammine

The consequences of the Gulf War are devastating not only to Kuwait and Iraq, but to most countries in the Middle East, said Economics Professor Atif Kubursi in a speech last Friday on "The Middle East, one year after the Gulf War."

The lecture was sponsored by Concordia's Arab Students' Association, the Arab Network of Students and others.

Kubursi, a research associate and a member of the Department of Economics at McMaster University University in Hamilton, told about 30 people in the Hall Building that the war destroyed the thriving economies of the Middle East.

Iraqi losses are evaluated at $200 billion and the inflation rate there is 1,000 per cent, Kubursi said.

"The (average) Iraqi individual consumes 1,250 calories per day, almost half of what is needed for mere subsistence," he added. "Devastation in Iraq took with it bridges, schools, hospitals, factories, dams, electricity, agriculture and spared nothing."

"The major error was to treat Iraq as if its population was composed of 18 million Saddams. Iraq is so much different than Saddam; it is the cradle of civilization and a museum of culture," Kabursi said. "Neighbouring countries are also suffering huge deficits that contribute directly to political instability."

Jordanians, Lebanese, Syrians, Palestinians, Egyptians, Yemenites and Sudanese working in the Gulf are now denied the income that helped them cope with economic difficulties at home. They had to return to their countries, thus imposing poverty and greater unemployment rates there, he said.

Kubursi said two million Egyptians and two million from various Arab countries were working in Iraq and supporting their families back home when the war broke out.

"More than five million people were displaced, among them are 400,000 Palestinians in Kuwait alone," he said. "One million Yemenites working in Saudi Arabia were given 24 hours to leave the country, just because their local government had not condemned the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait."

The Palestinians also suffered deeply from the fact that the Palestinian Liberation Organizastion had taken such a strong position vis-å-vis Iraq, Kubursi said.

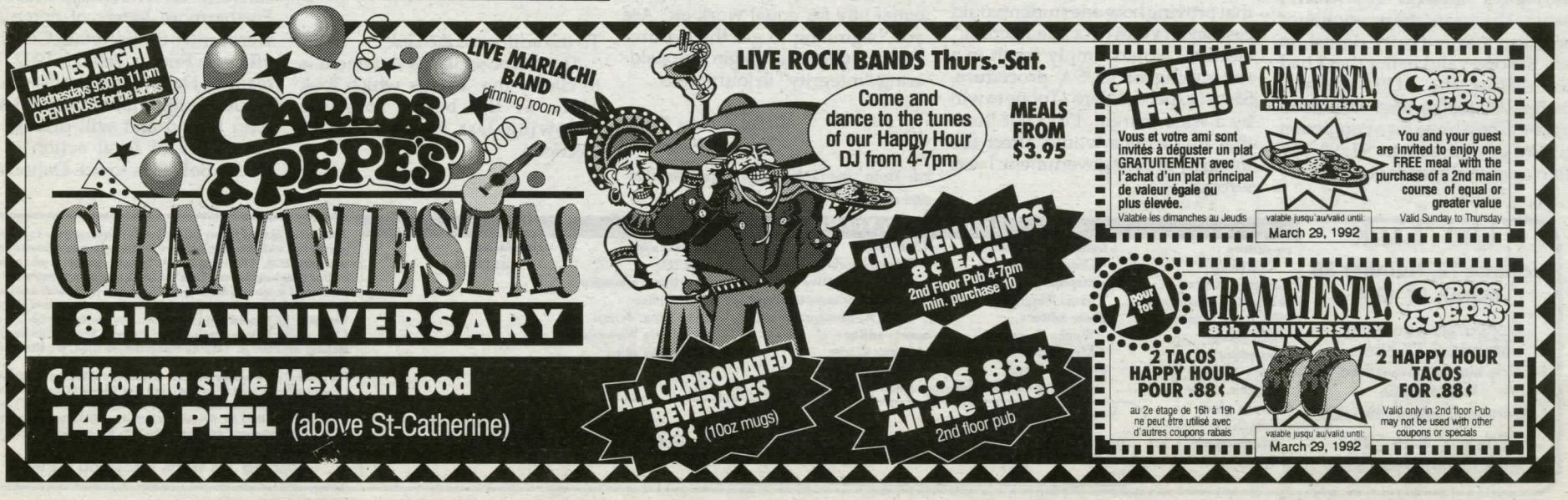
"They have been cut off financially through the dismantling of Palestinian professionals working in Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait," he said.

Kubursi said the United States rushed to rescue Kuwait not because the Americans depended heavily on the oil imports coming from the Gulf.

"Only five per cent of U.S. oil imports com from the Gulf," he said. "The rest is provided from Canada, Venezuela and the North Sea.

"Arab oil goes almost exclusively to Europe (mainly Germany) and Japan, who import nearly 50 per cent of their oil from the Middle East," Kubursi said. The U.S. seized the opportunity to control the oil and reduce the economic power of Germany and Japan in the world market, he added.

"The U.S. treats Middle East oil as American oil, and considers its being located in the Middle East as a freak accident of geography," Kubursi said. "If there is a lesson to be learned, it is that anyone who wishes to challenge the United States faces a fate similar to Iraq's."



editorial

Backlash intolerable

The backlash against progressive politics is being taken to levels which make it almost impossible to respond to.

Last week, a threatening phone call was made to CUSA co-president Charlene Nero's unlisted office number.

To add to such a cowardly stunt, Nero and co-president Eleanor Brown have been getting hate letters as well.

There is no room for rebuttal when someone's life is challenged.

Nero is very vocal about her politics. This, however, does not legitimate making her a target of all they perceive as negative, nor does it justify making her a target of threats.

These are very extreme attempts to silence a highly visible and vocal woman.

Opposing someone else's views is an inherent right - no one is arguing that a politically-homogeneous environment is desirable. The university should be a place wherein discussion can take place without individuals being harmed physically for expressing an opposing point of view.

Those who rush to denigrate those aligned with anything perceived to be "politically correct" for censoring people, seem to be criticizing the wrong people. The alleged political terrorism of the PC movement doesn't come close to the level of silencing attempted by those who have been sending hate mail and making phone threats.

When the spectrum of intolerance extends into harassment and violence, dialogue is cut off.

However, abuse towards Nero has not only come from anonymous sources. Nero has been attacked both physically and verbally in the halls, on posters and at Reggie's on more than one occasion.

While these attacks are obviously connected to the confusion and controversy surrounding last month's CUSA elections — which put Nero in power for another year along with co-president Phil Toone — they are no less destructive.

What has been touted as a call for the return of democracy and a fight for injustice is simply masking another violent campaign orchestrated by those threatened by Nero and the politics she represents.

At least some of these people have the guts to confront Nero and her colleagues directly, but they still serve as harsh reminder of how our supposedly "progressive" university community is simply a reflection of society at large. We see this perpetuation of violence against women, gays and lesbians and minorities and quickly realize we are not as far as we sometimes think.

Given the bashing - both verbal and physical - witnessed this past year, it appears that basic human rights mean little here.

Critics of Nero's politics have charged that they have made Concordia the laughing stock of Montreal.

They don't seem to realize that a university community which breeds intolerance is somehow a more shameful reputation to bear.

"Say It Ain't So, Ms. Nero."

"It's not the election they object to. It's our method of running student government." Words to live by, from Charlene Nero (*the Link*, March 10). Sorry, but actually it is the election that I object to, not to Ms. Nero's "method" (by which I assume she means the promotion of feminism and minority rights). In fact, the one valid ballot that I had cast during the CUSA general election was for her. She had seemed to me the best hope for a competent student government in '92/93. Ms. Nero's political agenda is not exactly the same as mine, but that didn't stop me from voting for who I considered the most capable candidate for the job of CUSA co-president. In fact, I thought that Nero/Toone would win by a landslide. I was wrong.

As a result, my own attempt to discover whether CUSA election procedures were democratic or not became something I had not expected. Originally, I had thought that proving how one student could cast seven votes (in a "democratic" election) would simply result in a revamping of CUSA procedure. Since I expected Nero/Toone to win by a wide margin, I did not think that my actions would affect the integrity of their government. I was wrong.

All of this was planned before the elections were ended, before the 110-vote discrepancy in the totals, before the tally sheets were "lost" and the ballots were shredded. The 31 vote margin of "victory" for Nero/Toone gave new importance to the fact that the CUSA elections were **not** democratic. The fact is that there is just no way to know whether Nero/Toone would have won if the election were properly held (i.e. democratically, 1 student=1 vote).

Ms. Nero has done nothing to assure me that my faith in her integrity is well-placed. Ms. Nero tells me that if the election results were recounted, her "victory" would stand (*the Link*, March 3). Yet she did not back her words by actually ordering the ballots recounted. Now Ms.Nero is saying that the controversy surrounding the elections won't affect her ability to run a quality student government (*the Link*, March 10). If Ms. Nero would look past her own agenda for just one moment, she might see that her election is by no means a fait accompli.

Until a proper, democratic CUSA general election can be held, there is no legitimate student "government". If the "official" election results are allowed to stand, then there is no justice for undergraduates who believe in equal representation. The longer it takes Charlene Nero to do something concrete about this situation, the more damage she does to her own integrity and to those beliefs that her government purports to stand for (most of which we share). Ms. Nero, if you hide behind CUSA red tape instead of fighting for justice in this matter you'll be doing more to set back that causes that you hold dear (feminism, gay rights etc.) than the idiots who sent you threats last year. If you hide, you'll only convince those cowards that they were right, that you don't care about justice, you only care about yourself. Ms. Nero, please prove them wrong.

Lastly, some words for the editors of *the Link*, who saw it fit to brand my previous letter "Arrogance not apathy" (NOT the original title). You state that "voting relies on the integrity of each student". True enough, but do you actually believe that an electoral system so open to abuse as CUSA's will not be manipulated by ANYONE? You write "this year voting fraud was to have been discovered by verifying alternate names on the master lists". Fine, SO WHY WASN'T THIS DONE? Integrity in politics? Next, you'll be asking me to renew my beliefs in the Easter Bunny. Perhaps we ought to leave everything up to people's "integrity", perhaps we should leave equity in employment up to the "integrity" of employers, equal pay for equal work etc. Are you beginning to get the picture? Perhaps you could begin by considering "integrity" in journalism...

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ed. note : his letter was edited for libelous content

letters

Bucks for Binders

A funny thing happened to me on the way to the library. I was sitting outside the library on Tuesday, March 10 when a woman came out of one of the offices with a box of binders full of paper. She put them near the trash bin, so I assume that the binders were headed for the garbage. A friend and I decided to rescue the binders. We took all of the papers from the binders and put them in the recycling bins. We then took all of the non-recycling material and put it in the garbage. Finally we decided to hand out the binders to whom ever wanted one and we kept the rest for ourselves. My question is why couldn't the library have done the same, or they could have given the binders to the bookstore and have them sold for a $1 instead of throwing perfectly good binders away.

John N.

Not the Sole Author

I am writing about the article "Black Lesbian Culture Make the Grade." in the Women's Issue of the Link. Please note that although I was involved in the interview\discussion process, I was by no means the sole author of the article. Denise Miller and Judith Nicholson did most of the work for this article.

Patrizia Tavormina

Dalton Speaks

To the editors of *the Link*,

The purpose of this statement is to clarify the events which took place at the ballot counting following last month's CUSA elections.

i) There was definitely an error in tabulation. The people who counted the ballots from the Administration Building polling station have attested that Nero and Toone received 108 votes not 218.

ii) The tally sheets which could be used to prove this disappeared. Clearly someone removed them so that there could be no supporting documentation to prove that Dalton and Lindsay won by approximately 80 votes.

iii) If Charlene Nero was so confident that a recount would have shown that Nero and Toone were the true winners, then why did she threaten to have bailiffs seize the documents and have the police strip search and cavity search everyone in the room where the recount was taking place under the authority of the chief returning officer? Clearly this was a threat to intimidate the counters and it succeeded in stopping the count.

iv) Why would Ken Huck, an avowed Nero and Toone supporter, go on record as saying that electorial tampering occurred unless he believed it to be true?

v) The CRO announced that the election was invalid and then along with the Judicial Board representatives, caved in under pressure from Phil Toone and changed their minds stating that the original results would stand even though they were false. This event was recorded on tape and was later broadcast an CKUT on Thursday, Feb. 27, 1992.

vi) Given the decision of the CRO and the Judicial Board reps, Dalton and Lindsay will be addressing their complaints to the chair of the CUSA Board of Directors when they convene on Thursday, March 4. Furthermore letters of complaint were sent to the Secretary General's office on Friday, Feb. 21, 1992. The team of Dalton and Lindsay have made an appointment to meet with John Relton and will discuss the possibility of legal action if the CUSA BoD fails to act. Dalton and

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Lindsay would prefer, however, to see this travesty dealt with internally by CUSA's BoD. (Just as a point to note, the deadline for complaining to the CRO/Judicial Board was not included in the standing orders which were issued to candidates running for co-presidents.)

vii) The CRO has been unavailable for consultation with regard to the processing of complaints, let alone actually dealing with them.

viii) Finally, Dalton and Lindsay have not refused to speak to the media. An interview was granted to Patrick Lapine as part of the aforementioned radio report on CKUT. This interview was also taped for *The Concordian*. I regret that this statement was not issued to *the Link* in time for your March 3rd issue.

Philip Dalton

ed. note: this letter was edited for libelous content

Needs Critical Source

Mr. Amsel's letter ("Ignorant of History",Mar.3) scolding Mr.Mousa of the CCPHR for his 'ignorance' of Middle East history and politics stands as a tiresome reminder that despite international condemnation of Israel for its policies as obstacles to peace, people are still willing to tow the old line that Israel is interested in peace.

Sending one's national airforce to bomb a country with which you are supposedly in the process of negotiating peace (as in the case of Lebanon), defying international law in continuing to build settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, and creating impossible conditions for the Palestinians re: negotiations are but a few of the curious ways in which Israel has been demonstrating its interest in peaceful settlement.

The Shamir government has clearly stated its unwillingness to halt the building of settlements in the occupied territories and has presented nothing to the Palestinians that would allow them to exercise any meaningful form of self-determination unless, of course, the right to collect your own garbage can be considered as such.

The fact of the matter is that Israel, like other parties at the table are there for reasons of expediency, the most important of which for Israel, is $10 billion in US loan guarentees. If Mr.Amsel seriously believes Israel is interested in peace I suggest He aquaint himself with the history and politics of the region from a slightly more critical source than a spokes person for the Israeli government.

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Quebec's Constitution

by Grace Barrasso

Quebec's constitutional problems are far from being resolved and during this period of economic upheaval, new solutions brought up at the constitutional conferences have attempted to bring Quebec into the constitution.

The new buzzword circling around our nation is the idea called "asymmetry", which means a federalism that is different in certain ways for certain provinces. The provinces have finally realized that there is no Canada without Quebec therefore a whole range of concepts and ideas, emerging from different political units, will try their best to accomodate Quebec as much as possible, confining them to certain reasonable limits.

Looming into an uncertain future through unchartered waters can have serious political, economic, and social consequences for Canada. The best case scenario is that by the end of 1992, Quebec along with the federal government and other nine provinces, will have found a solution in which a united Canada can finally overcome its' constitutional crisis and thus redirect its' goals in stimulating economic growth in all sectors of the economy.

On the other hand, the worst case scenario — a thought in which most Canadians would rather not contemplate — is if Quebec and Canada fail to reach a compromise. Both sides would be deadlocked in attempting to unite Quebec with the rest of Canada. What would the future hold in store particularly for English-Quebecers?

This would no doubt be the "last straw" for most Quebecers and the road to separation would no longer appear as an oblivious scenario. The provincial government would be under extreme pressure to put separation at the priority on the political agenda.

The concept of Quebec separating needs to be reflected on by English-Quebecers considering their role as the minority population holding the short end of the stick. The idea of "preserving and promoting" the French society at the expense of English-Quebecers can be interpreted as a sign that francophones have reached the end of the tolerance level, which can pose grave consequences for Quebec's minority population.

Concordia University's role, presently operating as an anglophone university, would probably suffer serious drawbacks. Opinions concerning Concordia's future position in the worst case scenario range from quite different extremes. Julie Gervais, secretary general at L'ANEEQ, which has a strong separatist philosophy, believes that Quebec will separate from Canada. As for Concordia's future position in Quebec, she is not sure where Concordia will stand. Nonetheless, Gervais has stated that "an independant Quebec will not deny Quebecers their choice of university. We have to accept the principle that if anglophones decide to remain in Quebec then there is a need for the existance of an English university.". Gervais' theory is that Concordia is a flexible university which will operate on the concept of if there is a "demand," in an independant Quebec, for English instruction in its' classrooms.

Different point of views from Concordia's student body also can be ranged on a large scale. Even though many students don't believe that Quebec will separate, many are concerned about Concordia's future role in a diminishing anglophone society.

"Concordia will remain as it is but will have to fight much harder for government funds," said Domenic Borsellino, a finance student. Others believe that Concordia, in an attempt to draw more students, will succumb

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Concordia as a Microcosm

It became clear to me a month ago that Concordia is a microcosm of society as a whole. This leads me to the conclusion that student politics and government are much more serious than just kids out making noise. From the standpoint of students, the anonymous faces in the crowd have to deal with a large and in many respects omnipotent administration and faculty arrayed against them. This not to say that "they" are against "us". Simply that in their bureaucratic ways, there is a tendency to just do your job. This creates resistance against innovation and the pursuit of excellence. The student government has to keep pushing for the maintenance of educational standards: it's only in their best interest.

The mechanism that allows for this is student representation on committees and boards such as the Board of Governors, Senate and the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL). Since students do not make up a majority on any of these bodies, we cannot directly control their actions. However, savvy politicking and boardroom guerilla warfare can be used effectively to voice our concerns and to make the faculty and administraton uncomfortable in making detrimental decisions. In addition, useful innovative ideas are brought to these bodies form all sides. This is most important for CCSL, as this committee's function to serve students needs. The decisions made there directly affect student's daily routines in what services and extra-curricular activities are available.

The variety of areas that are administrated by these committees boggles the mind. Almost every facet of the operation of Concordia, from what academic programs are offered to space allocation to the running of the guidance and health services, have the possibility of student input. These seats are filled by appointment from the association, but it is often hard to fill all of them with dedicated people. To compound the problem, coordinating all this information and relaying it to the required people in the organization and the student population as a whole can be an insurmountable task.

The only important facet that does not have direct student input is that of hiring, firing and promotion of faculty members. This is due to the collective agreement. Personally, I think this is a crime since teacher quality is one of the largest factors in motivating students to do well. We do have some very good teaching professors, but the focus of faculty quality is heavily weighted on research. Just ask: if we continue to emphasize money and resources in graduate studies and research, where will the next batch of grad students and researchers come from? A critical evaluation of grad/undergrad balance is called for.

But then there is more to being young than school books. The experience of university is manyfold enriched by getting involved in or just learning about various groups and activities. The organization of these various groups and associations is infinitely easier if there is an umbrella association that can act as sponsor, helper and guidance counsellor. The range of these clubs must be a generous representation of the diversity of interests that make up the student body. The discussion and social interaction that happens at this level is also a contribution to the innovation and pursuit of excellence that makes educational institutions great. This, above all, is also fun. If we measure that students pay fees roughly the equal of 2 cases of two-four, should not that investment be returned in the fun equivalent of two cases of two-four? As Mark Twain wrote, never let your schooling get in the way of your education.

It must be recognized that the organizing potential for events, both formal and informal in nature, in the numerous clubs and associations is the single most productive source of student life we have. The planning of the student association budget must reflect this and efforts be made to ensure maximum possible funding for clubs and associations.

In addition to this, student government should provide services to students. These services need to be tailored to the needs of the student population and by and large be cheap. The low prices do not necessitate subsidies. The buying power of such a large volume is alone enough to provide savings. Coupled with low overhead and administrative costs, the opportunities for enormous savings can be realized.

Unfortunately, student associations require a certain level of maturity before they can undertake such operations and this maturity can be measured in only one way: the capability for long-term planning. The yearly turnover of interested individuals can lead to serious anarchy as lessons are relearned over and over again. An expanding and finely tuned database of policies and procedures that reflect the student population and the passing along of knowledge through this database is the only way to growth for any association.

Further, a mechanism for the realization of long-term projects is necessary. If the average life span of a student politician is two years, without some way to oversee long-term projects no one will embark on constructive (or lucrative) five year projects. As an example, the only reason why the move of Reggie's is going to happen is the stabilizing presence of the Dean of Students on the fund's board of directors. Otherwise this money would have been long gone on short-term projects by now.

Thus, a student association has three basic goals: representation to the administration and faculty, the promotion of student life through its clubs and associations and providing useful and needed services to the student population. In each area we have problems to overcome but they should not have to be solved again each year.

Beyond all this, the microcosm hypothesis must be taken a step further. The political climate now in Concordia is indicative of the future climate in Quebec, Canada, and perhaps the world. Read the Who's Who: Trudeau, Mulroney, and Levesque, to name a few, all got their feet wet in student politics. Of course not everyone will go on to achieve such political prominence but a few certainly will.

Face it: only 10% of the population of Canada has a Bachelor's or equivalent. And this 10% is pretty much in control of the wealth and destiny of the nation as well. There is a temptation to be conservative and maintain the status quo: "after all, what worked for our parents will work for us. Besides, if I don't exactly make it, I'll ride on the coattails of my more successful buddies: just look at the number of 'school buddies' Mulroney has canvassed into the big Blue machine."

No. This may have been true of the 1950's but it is simply not true today. Discounting hype, there are still all sorts of revolutionary events and discoveries happening weekly and even daily. The nature of the economy in Canada has changed from resource exports and manufacturing to information processing and medical services. This major shift is still happening and is causing people to re-think every single facet of their lives.

In this context, the student politics scene is not just kids making noise. It is a training ground and a proving ground. It is a forum that sharpens the adminstrative and organizational skills of individuals where innovation and excellence are rewarded. It is a testing ground for ideas and ideologies based on the value added to the lives of students. This is needed because representative social democracy as we know it in Canada is not the be-all and end-all of social organizational theories. It, like all living organisms, must evolve or die. The political system at the university level is sufficiently large and complex to provide a good testing ground for aspiring paradigms.

Ultimately, the people here and now will be the leaders of tomorrow. The average student's responsibility to society is much more than the annual casting of ballots to ostracize the "correct" people if you even bother to vote. We, making choices in the microcosm of Concordia, are making choices about the future of the world we want to live in and its leaders. There is a moral imperative to get involved, so do it.

Jarno Makkonen

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE
the Link is holding elections for next year's Masthead
Come learn to to be stressed by deadlines,
Come learn to give up your social life,
Come learn tools and techniques that will stand you in good stead for the future,
Come learn!
Drop in to H649 to find out what we are about
Elections are to be held March 20 at 4 pm.

Filmmaker serves up sex and controversy in *Masala*

by Meenakshi K. Narahari

Srinivas Krishna's debut film *Masala* is probably one of the most unique films made in Canada.

Defying conventions and breaking rules, it has stirred up controversy, especially within the Indian community. When the film was screened at the World Film Festival in Montreal this summer, some Indian members of the audience left midway through the screening. Perhaps they found the steamy sex scenes and critical portrayal of Hindu gods a little too hot to handle.

The portrayal of Indian gods may be a bit risqué, but this *is* Krishna's story and he deserves to tell it his way. As for the steamy sex, Krishna says he did it because, "I want to show some Indian butt on the screen."

Masala tells the tale of a young Indian man, named Krishna (played by director Krishna) fresh from the James Dean school of rebellion. Krishna arrives on the doorstep of his rich relatives five years after losing his parents in a plane crash. His return jump starts the film and throws it into overdrive with a complex structure of plots and sub-plots.

An array of fascinating characters form the core of this film. From the greedy sari merchant (Saeed Jaffrey) and his sexy, health-conscious wife (Mauduri Bhatia) to a *Mahabarata*-watching and profanity-spewing grandmother (Zohra Segal) who talks to her TV set particularly when the religious television serial is on.

Masala is based on Krishna's world, if not the writer/director's actual life. This film is his interpretation of what it is like to be a first or second generation immigrant.

Only 27, Krishna not only acted and directed his first feature length film but also takes credit for writing and producing *Masala*. Krisha came to Canada when he was seven years old with his parents. He wan born in Andra Pradesh in South India and grew up in Toronto.

It is unfortunate that Krishna, being of South Indian decent, would make a film with no South Indian representation. However, he is the first Canadian filmmaker of Indian descent to deal with the confusion and identity problems facing Indian youth. Although this is not that strongly developed, it does open doors for discussion of second generation experience.

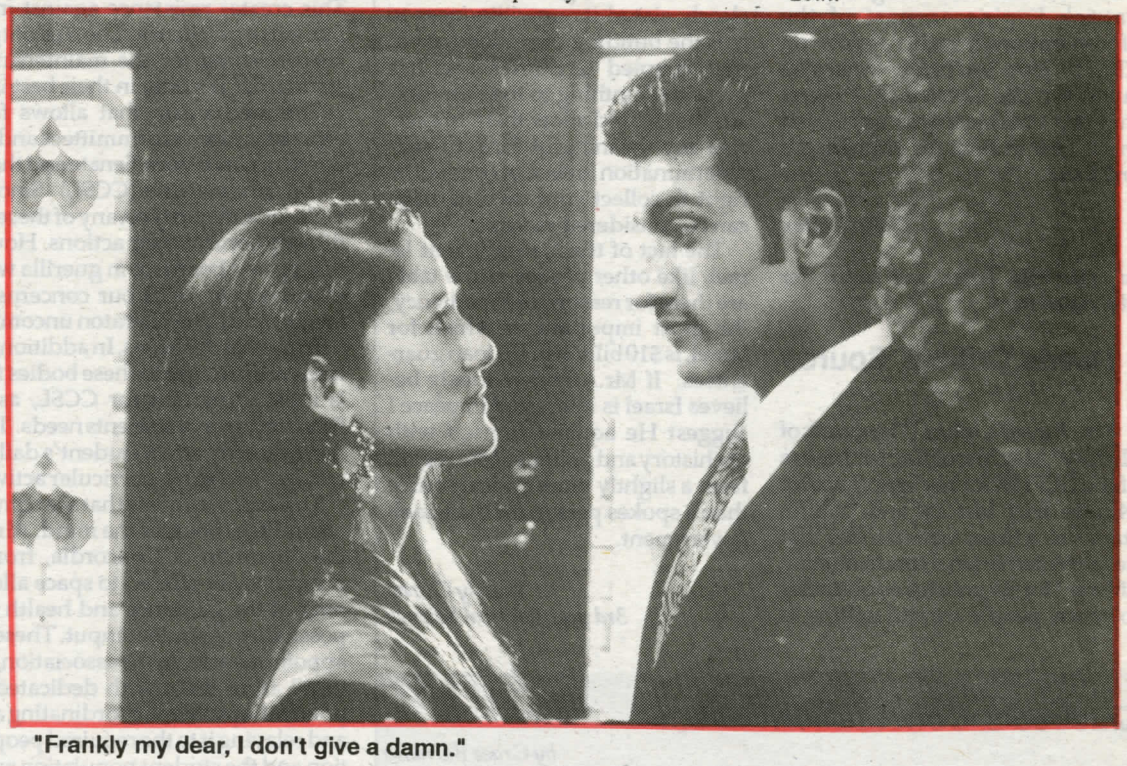
He tells both types of experience with feeling, compassion, and humour. His depiction of the obedient, over-sexed medical student son, Anil, who is in lust with a sultry Indian woman who's name he can't even pronounce is incredibly funny. His portrayal of the constant potential for racism and violence towards members of ethnic communities is painfully realistic.

Masala is a long film — with a running time of more than two hours — but it goes by fast. It is also not specific to a genre of any kind. This is a mélange which includes many different genres including elements of a comedy, social drama and a Hindi musical.

This a film which is about people and the crazy situations they find themselves in. It does not limit itself to single-issue, common-denominator entertainment, rather it deals with many different issues on a multiplicity of levels.

Controversy aside, *Masala* is more than a mere mix of spices, but a flavourful, hot dish that serves up a convincing tale of immigrant experience in Canada.

Having completed runs in Toronto and Vancouver, Masala will be playing at the Rialto from March 20th to the 26th.



"Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn."

FRINGE

Improv tourney mines comedy gold

by Ned Fuller

The *Just for Laughs Montreal Improv Tournament* was presented over four nights last week at Club Soda to more than1200 appreciative spectators.

After the guffaws, chortles, and giggles had faded away (auditorially if not in memory), six improv companies from as far away as Milwaukee and Washington, D.C. and as close to home as Ottawa and Montreal mined our collective consciousness for all its humorous worth.

Ottawa's **Skit Row**,and Montreal's own **Loose Change** were eliminated' in early matches. The hackneyed combination of the scoring system and the tournament format led to the mismatching of the 6th ranked team with the highest ranked team on the second night of shows.

The organizers redeemed themselves in the end by effectively parodying their scoring structure in their judgement of a non-competitive exhibition match. After one improv the judges' score cards read "666". "It's the judgment of the Beast," said a judge.

The Semi-Finals matched up Milwaukee, Wisconsin's **Brady Street Improv** with **The No Time Players** of Washington, D.C. The mood of both the crowd and performers was of convivial joviality. Tim Gore and Chas Mastin of the D.C. team spoke highly of being in Montreal: "We love the city and you've got colourful money - and better beer than we have back in the Capital city."

Both teams were in superb form. With only a few points separating the two teams, **Brady Street Improv** came out of the frey to go on to the Finals. But their D.C opponents can hold their heads high - they've got a cable special coming up.

The next semi-final match paired up Montreal's own **On The Spot Theatresports (OTS)** with **New York ComedySportz**.

'It's nice to be in the semi-finals," said Mollye Rothschild, a Con U theatre student affiliated with **OTS**. "We're up against a tough(read: good) team that is similar to us in their improv style...Anything can happen." And anything did happen.

NY scored with a rap song built on three words: eating, hot, and squash. Montreal had trouble at first with a daughter and brother musical concept but rallied and got the improv out of the fire with some impressive overlapping of singing of the kind one can find in any erroneously glorified 'McMusical' of the Lloyd Webber variety. But it was not to be.

On The Spot got saddled with suggestions from the audience that might give any improv team pause, "meatloaf" and "sodomizing"... Sheesh, are people watching tabloid TV and bathing in the sewers, or what? Whatever...

The night was also filled with references to *Star Trek* (and McGill's William Shatner obsession), condoms, tampons, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, and a number of other previously considered moribund American institutions, icons and issues. *Gilligan's Island*! *Gilligan's Island*! Lest we forget... *Three's Company*!*Street Legal*! *The Friendly Giant*! *Mr.Dressup*!

So, yes, **ComedySportz** went on to meet **Brady Street Improv** in the Finals... And it was this close. **Brady Street** put **NY ComedySportz** to the wall with an improv depicting naked bungee jumping using a (surprise!) condom and a slinky and another with the 5-man team parodying PMS. But **Comedysportz** prevailed to become the first to be awarded the *Montreal Improv Tournament* plaque.

"Winning is the stupidest thing in improv," said Mark Hervey, a **ComedySportz** member. 'We play with (the other teams), not against!!". Team member Mike Rock was eager to get home to savor the Lucky Charms cereal his Ma had sent for good luck...

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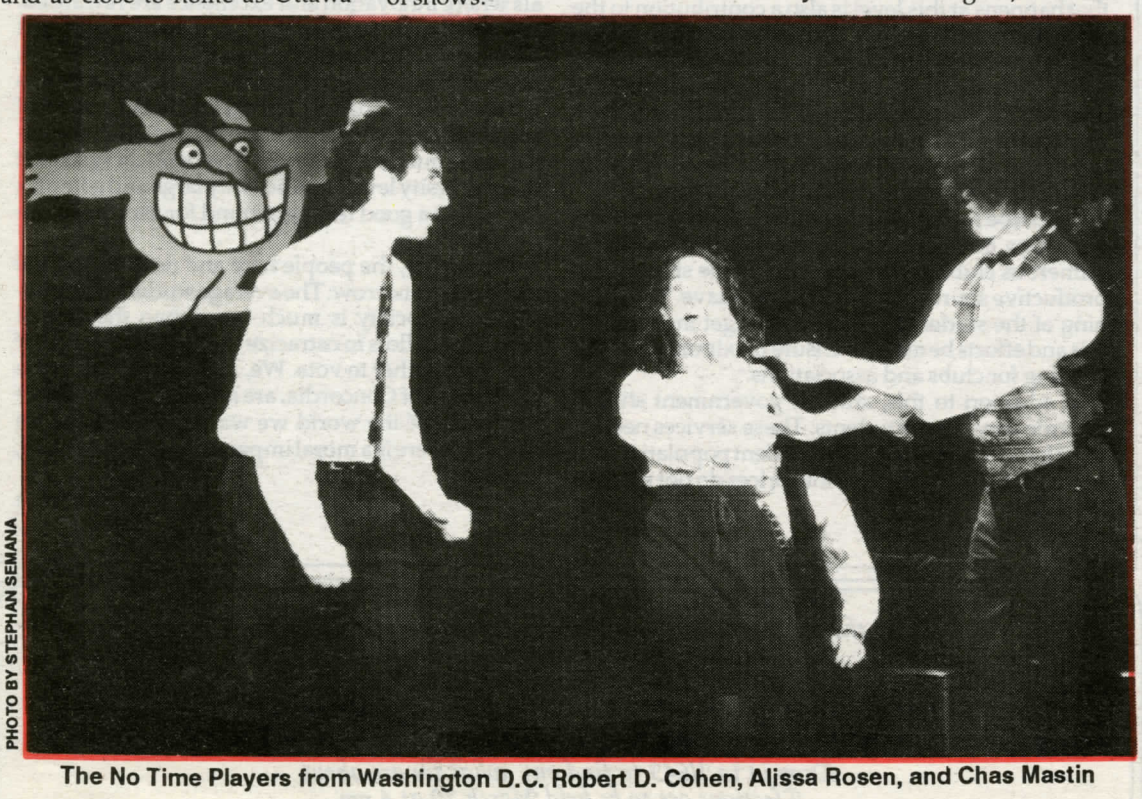

PHOTO BY STEPHAN SEMANA

The No Time Players from Washington D.C. Robert D. Cohen, Alissa Rosen, and Chas Mastin

Skattered among the many

by Anuska Garcia

The band-and-club circuit in Montreal can be a sobering experience for bands with established fans outside the confines of our scary music scene. Such is the case for Ottawa's **Skatterbrains**.

Formed in September 1989, **Scatterbrains** released a twelve-song tape in April 1991 and have established quite a following in Ottawa. Keyboardist Noah Green, a Communications student at Concordia, describes the response from friends, fans and clubs in Montreal:

"We opened up for bands (at the Terminal). There's good response from the people who came to see us because of those other bands. Our first headliner was at the Terminal in January and 40 people showed up. So far we've had no press response except for MusiquePlus covering our cassette launch in Ottawa a year ago... quite unexpectedly."

The **Skatterbrains** have opened up for popular ska acts such as the **Mobsters**, the **Toasters** and **Bad Manners** but they go beyond the run-of-the-mill ska label to produce their "musical gumbo", melding rap, hardcore, and R'n'B genres into their sound. Why the progression from being a straight-ahead ska band in the beginning?

"Basically, we're selling out!" says Green, "No. When we started out we had the suit-and-tie-bomber jacket, the rude boy loo That was over two and a half years ago and I guess we've progressed since then. It's not a conscious thing...we'll listen to a tune and say 'Yeah!. Let's use this.'"

Having pet peeves like televangelists and covers of overplayed **Nirvana** songs without really knowing all the lyrics, form only one facet of the **Skatterbrains**.

"Our regular covers are "our annoying reggae version of **AC/DC**'s *You Shook Me All Night Long* and the **Dream Warriors** *Wash Your Face In My Sink*."

Recently confusion has been building up over the musical identity of the **Skatterbrains**, especially for the out-of-towners who don't distinguish two-tone designs on posters.

"We were booked as a headliner for this bar, Barrymore's in Ottawa, with a metal band from Kingston opening up for us. Basically, this band had thought that they were opening up for (glam metal band) **Scatterbrain** from New York City so they agreed to play for free since they thought that it was incredible publicity for them. They even rented a van to get there and brought tapes for autographs. This problem had stemmed from the fact that we had opened up for our friend's band who sound like (Seattle grunge-core) **Mudhoney** back awhile before that gig and that manager probably thought we were some metal band too."

Skanking around the playground.

The **Skatterbrains** have a new release expected at the end of April featuring another twelve songs that "were written in the past year so it reflects where we're at. We still have to produce it and then we'll look around for labels. (Toronto ska label) Raw Energy asked us to send them a copy of it. If not, we'll release it independently."

*Their gig will have a new band opening up for them this Friday at the Terminal, **Ellam for Zoe**, featuring **Me, Mom and Morgentaler** percussionist John J. Britton's brother in the band, J.B.'s roomate and **Jah Le Le's** guitarist. One of those one-hit wonders, I suppose.*

ARTS

CHEAP STUFF

Bliss and **Velcro Soul**, playing at Reggie's Pub on Thursday, March 19 at 8pm.

The Concordia Photography Students Association is having its yearly exhibition at the Green Gallery (4710 St. Ambroise) until March 27th. Open from 10 am to 5 pm.

The Fast Lane, an independent film by a Concordia Communications student, is about a young man's obsession with speed. It is playing along with *Issak's Fables*, as part of a programme called *A Hit and Run Affair* at Cinema Parallele (3682 St-Laurent). Playing for CKUT's Funding Drive, tonight and Wednesday night at 10 pm for $5. Tickets go on sale at 7 pm.

The NFB Animation Festival continues until Thursday at the Rialto Cinema (5723 Parc). The festival includes 2 Academy Award-nominated films, *Blackfly*, and *Strings*, made by Concordia Film profs. Every night at 7:15 pm.

Benefit concert Saturday night at Station 10 (2071 Ste. Catherine W.) to celebrate *La Journée Internationale pour L'élimination de la Discrimination Raciale* presented by le Centre Canadien sur le Racisme et les Préjugés. Performers include **Burns**, a Montreal scat-singer, **Borrowed Angels** from Kahnawake, **Stacy Wilde**, a multilingual folk singer, **Jach'a Marka** from Bolivia, and montrealer **Daniel Rodriguez**. $5.

Rhythms of Resistance, an evening of dub poetry featuring **Michael Pintard, Anthony Bansfield** and **Ted Runcie**, will be held at Café Vilna (3460 Stanley) Friday night at 9 pm. Presented by Hillel, it is $2 for students and low income.

Salvadoran power unleashed

by Albert Mike

Beauty emerges where the beast reigns supreme.

In El Salvador, children are often excited by the sound of bomb shells going off; it is a common occurence where democracy is considered subversive, and the only ones laughing are the few in power.

Universities are sacked, academics, artists, and others are silenced. The atrocities committed by the death squads rival the Nazis. Individuals are tortured for hours, even days, before they are eventually murdered for their political views. The only real opposition to the goverment's injustices towards the common people is the FMLN (freedom fighters).

Now the tide seems to be changing. Negotiations between FMLN and the government are taking place after years of confrontation, but there is a long way to go before El Salvador recovers any of its sense of normalcy.

In the estrangement of exile, away from their country, four salvadorean artists: two poet/writers, and two actors, conspired together in a basement in Toronto in the spring of 1991 to form the *Trilce Theatre Group*.

On October 26 of the same year, Trilce had the premiere of **Portraits of Power**, an original theatrical adaptation of the following works: Civilus I Imperator, a poem in 16 chants by René Edgardo Rodas, and the Straitjacket, a prose poem by Carlos Santos. The play is performed by Yanira Contreras and Walter Dionisio.

Portraits of Power attempts to take you into the dreams, reflections, and experiences of individuals who struggle against internal and external darkness within themselves and within an oppressive dehumanizing system, hoping for a sense of power.

The group's objective is to keep on presenting Latin America culture in exile and show the world the suffering of the Salvadoran people and the group's own personal suffering.

Hopefully, the life force which they feel will spread to others who also feel powerless. Trilce uses the proceeds from the plays to create theatre workshops and distribute much needed information to the people of EL Salvador.

***Portraits of Power** is being performed March 20th at 7 pm at Mugshots (H-651, Hall Bldg) and March 21st, 7pm, Foolhouse Theatre, 4855 Kensington (corner Somerled) N.D.G. $5 admission. Proceeds support socially and politically relevant theatre in El Salvador. Sponsored by the Concordia Central America Committee (CCAC) and the McGill Latin American Awareness Group.*

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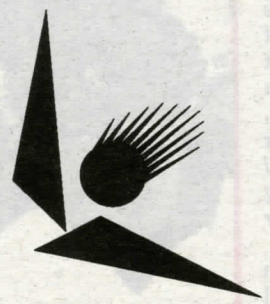

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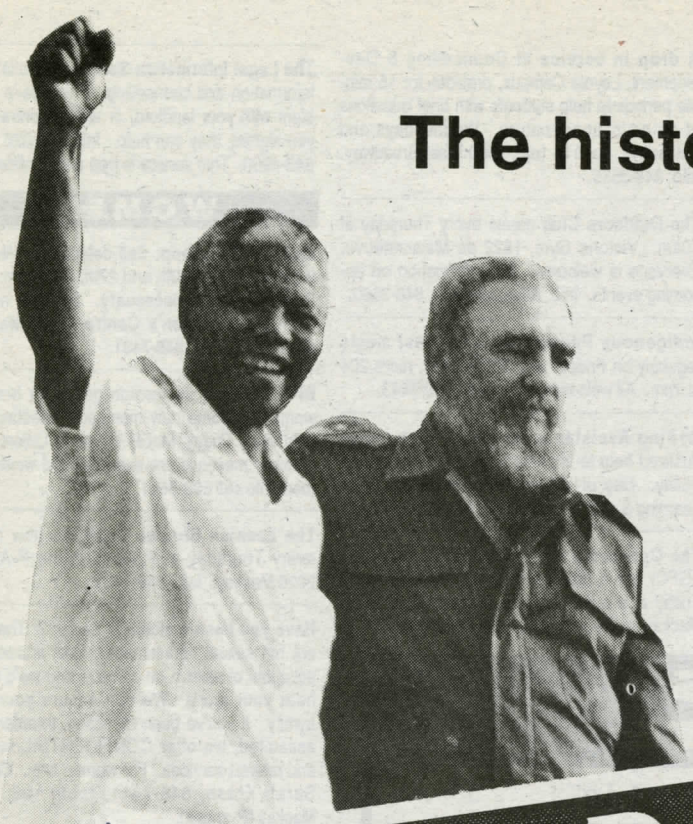

The historic union of Mandela and Castro

Surprising but true: they're fighting for a common cause

by Henrietta Veerman

Nelson Mandela and Fidel Castro? Speaking together at a Cuban rally? It would seem almost an unholy alliance, the symbol of freedom and human rights together with the symbol of less than perfect communism.

On July 26 1991, the two did speak together, marking a historical first. **How Far We Slaves Have Come** contains the unabridged text of those speeches.

To hear Mandela or Castro actually speak would be the optimum experience, but for those of us not in the jet-set league, **How Far We Slaves Have Come** is an economic option. Not only are rousing reads for their call for human rights, but they provide interesting profiles of each speaker. Where Mandela is much more straightforward, using a unadorned vocabulary and few rhetorical gimmicks that bespeaks humility. Castro, on the other hand, wheels and deals the words, schemes and tropes to hold the mass in thrall. Mandela does not need the laser-show antics of Castro; ethos is his appeal. His stature is enough.

Castro's ethos may be waning, so he works himself into a linguistic frenzy, twisting logos and pathos, wrapping facts in a pointed, emotional delivery. Early on in his speech, the bearded charmer asks who invented apartheid: "Communists, socialists, socialism? (Shouts of no). No! This invention expresses the essence of capitalism; it was invented by colonialism, neo-colonialism, fascism."

He has a interesting point of view, but has conveniently forgotten the equally rotten underside of communism, perhaps best exemplified by the China situation.

How Far We Slaves Have Come gives background information in the foreword and end-notes that help explain the Mandela-Castro link and the confusing politics and strife behind these world leaders and their countries.

Mandela, it appears, indirectly owes Castro a thank-you for his release. Castro's decision to send Cuban troops to help free Angola from South African invading forces gave impetus to the end of white minority rule. The foreword does not examine the larger international scene, and so does not adequately explore American or the former Soviets' involvement, a point which could be misleading for the novice reader.

All the same, the speeches remain interesting reads. In fact, just the concept of a Mandela-Castro bonding intrigues the mind. For political hacks and curious cats.

How Far We Slaves Have Come
Nelson Mandela, Fidel Castro
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The Lit Page

I like your lit sweet ass

Sounds of home

Sounds of home.

Sounds of Friday afternoon in Tel Aviv, the best city in the world. People doing last minute shopping for "Shabbat", kids coming home from school exited about the weekend. The apartment to yourself because Yifat has gone to study with her friend and because Jeff is in England. The sound of the vacuum cleaner because Friday is your cleaning day.

When Yifat gets home you go to the Carmel Market to buy fruits and vegetables; so does everybody else. The parking lot is packed, people hooting their horns, mothers screaming at their kids not to weave in and out of the cars or get swallowed up in the masses. A delightful pot-pourri of people; Israeli born "Sabras", Moroccans, old German couples, Iraqis, Russians, Ethiopians, young Tel-Aviv Yuppies and old hippies. With your basket in hand you push your way through the throng and slowly make your way into the swarming, cacophonous open-air market. Vendors on your every side, each one trying to entice you into buying from him: "My tomatoes are fresher than his, and cheaper! Come on, sweetheart! You're the prettiest tomato I've seen here all day! For you: a special deal!" They sell everything -kiwi, pineapple, mangoes, lettuce, cabbage, peppers, spices, pita bread, baklawa, humus, pickles.

And you push your way through, shouting to make yourself heard, laughing, cursing, hanging onto your bag for dear life.

On the way home you stop at the "Terminal", the pub on Hayarkon Street, on the beach. It's Friday, "Yom Shishi", and it's like Christmas time in America - everyone is happy. You order a beer, "Goldstar Draught", and sip it slowly. You're surrounded by people, young and old, each dressed in his or her unique personal style. The sea is right across the road, and the beach is packed - people lying in the Mediterranean sun, guys playing paddle-ball on the shore, the old man who is still jogging.

And you close your eyes for a minute, and take in all you can, the sounds, the smells. You want to remember it come Sunday when it's time to go back to work.

Another beer, and you go home to lug all the bags up four flights of stairs and unpack them. Four o'clock in the afternoon. You drop onto the couch, your feet up on the coffee table. The sun is streaming in the balcony, you can see the Mediterranean sparkling, the colourful windsurfers breaking the monotony of the ever approaching waves.

And the radio, oh, the radio. People live all week for Friday afternoon radio. Israeli music, soft, calm, soothing. You lean back, and the music makes all the bullshit of life in Israel go away. Arik Einshtein, Shalom Chanoch, Yoni Rechter. Every song is like a new life.

And you smile.

Sounds of home.

You've just finished dinner,and the family is together, joking, laughing, tense.

"Shhh, Shhhh!!! A TZFIRAH!!!"

"Wait, wait, be quiet!!"

Silence.

"No, no TZFIRAH. You're tense. Go have a drink."

You pour yourself a gin and tonic and you sit down to watch the "Cosby Show". And you're waiting, waiting because you know it will happen again tonight.

And it happens.

The TV goes dead, then an announcement comes on: "Due to a missile attack on Israel..."

But you don't need to hear any more, because you're already up, screaming over the air raid siren outside: MA, DA, TAMAR, A TZFIRAH!!!

Everybody has their job. Tamar checks that the gas stove is off. Ma locks the doors and shuts the air conditioners. Daddy double-checks everything. You get the dog and cat into their sealed room.

And the siren is wailing.

You rush to the sealed room, put on your gas mask. Your heart is beating a mile a minute. How many will there be tonight? How close will they be?

Daddy is sealing the door with tape, you're putting a rag soaked with baking powder at the foot of the door so that no mustard or nerve gas can get in. Tamar is glued to the TV and trying to get hold of her boyfriend on the phone. The siren is wailing. Now all you can do is wait.

So far, only ninety seconds have passed. Only ninety seconds ago you were watching the "Cosby Show". Now you're sitting in a sealed room with a gas mask on your face. You look at your family. It makes you think...

BOOM.

BOOM.

BOOM.

BOOM.

The house shakes as if there were an earthquake. How many Scuds? How many Patriots?

You look at your family, and think to yourself: we're still alive. And you smile.

After what seems like an eternity, the Military Spokesman, Nachman Shai, announces that the missiles had conventional warheads. You may take off your gas mask now. Please assist the young children and the elderly.

And you smile.

You have to.

by Ronit Yarosky

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The Welcome Programme: help newly-arrived International Students with practical matters, such as registration and finding a place to live. Call or drop by the International Student Office for more info: 848-3516, 2135 Mackay, room M-301.

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CUPA meetings. Attention all Psych students: Come to our meetings, every Tuesday at 3:15pm, P-205, and get involved. Drop by for info or upcoming events like our spagetti dinner.

A drop in service at Counselling & Development, Loyola Campus, provides for 15 minute periods to help students with brief questions of an educational nature. Wednesdays and Thursdays, noon to 1pm, 2490 West Broadway. Info: 848-3555.

The Outdoors Club meets every Thursday at 10am. Victoria Gym, 1822 de Maisonneuve. Everyone is welcome. For information on upcoming events. Info: Athletics Dept., 848-3860.

Indigenous Peoples International meets regularly on Fridays at 2020 Mackay, room 204 at 7pm. All welcome. Info: 848-7410/7443.

Writing Assistants program. Free individualized help to improve your academic writing ability. Day or evening appointments. Info: Learning & writing centre, 848-3545 or 3555.

The Concordia Queer Collective (formerly LGFC) has a discussion group meeting every Friday at around 5:00pm., at their office, 2020 Mackay, in the P-Annex. Info: 848-7414.

The Legal Information Service is available for information and counselling. If you have a problem with your landlord, or with a contract that you signed, they can help. Info: CC-326 (LOY) 848-4960. This service is free and confidential.

WOMEN

ACTION Workshop: Self-defence for Women. 2 fridays: March 20th and 27th, 9am-4pm. $45. Pre-registration necessary. Sign up now at Concordia Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay, downstairs. Info: 848-7431.

Bi-the-way, a discussion group for bisexual women welcome new members. Meetings are held every Friday, McGill Women's Union. New member meetings are every second week. For more info call 598-8661.

The Lesbian Studies Coalition now meets every Thursday at 7:30pm, in the P-Annex, 2020 Mackay. Info: 848-7431.

Have you been a victim of sexism? The student run sexual harassment project is compiling accounts of sexism on campus and we'd like to hear your story. We can ensure your anonymity. If you've been harassed, threatened or assaulted, we offer CONFIDENTIAL support and referral services. For women only. Contact Sarah Kresh, 848-7411, room 103, 2020 Mackay (P-annex).

Single Mom's support group. Every Friday, 1:30-3pm. A place to relax, breathe... An opportunity to share concerns and experiences. At the Women's Centre, P-Annex, 2020 Mackay, downstairs. Info: 848-7431.

Montréal Sexual Assault Centre is looking for concerned bilingual interested in volunteering for the 24 hr, 7 day/week telephone crisis line. Training sessions begin March 27. Call 934-4504 or 934-0354, ext. 229 if interested.

Attention Lesbian cartoonists! Send copies of work, brief bio, SASE to Queer Press: P.O. Box 485 Stn. P, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2T1 for inclusion in upcoming cartoon anthology. Dealing: May 1, 1992.

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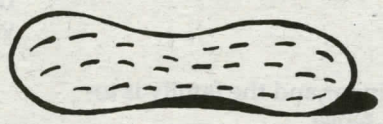

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Northern Ireland in a state of emergency

The war in the North of Ireland is periodically in the media in Canada. What is missing is the reality of daily harassment, intimidation, torture and imprisonment that makes up an on-going war. Rarely do we hear stories of ordinary people and how the war affects their lives or communities.

The struggle in the North by the Nationalist community has changed from a movement seeking basic civil rights (as in the 1960's), to an insurgent guerrilla army, fighting to take the state apart. As the Nationalist movement has grown more popular and stronger, the occupying British army and government has intensified the erosion of basic human rights in an effort to crush the nationalist community and the political struggle.

Allegations of ill-treatment or torture by the Northern Ireland police or Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) are quite common. At least 23 youths were arrested last year mostly under Section 14 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA), and tortured in interrogation centres. Amnesty International took out their first ever urgent action bulletin in the North of Ireland on one of the young men, Damien Austin – age 17 – and they are giving evidence on "ill-treatment" during interrogation to the UN Committee Against Torture.

Damien's case has reached international attention because of the following affidavit filed in high court by his doctor: "...examined him in detail and found evidence of severe assaults to his body. In addition to the physical injuries he appeared dazed and apprehensive... I can confirm that Damien Austin is being subjected to severe ill-treatment and the Police doctor has agreed with me on this."

Teams of RUC interrogators working in shifts ripped stitches out of an injury on Damien's ears when they pulled at them. They punched him in the throat and stomach and kicked him in the testicles; told him they would take him out and shoot him etc. Damien was released after a High Court judge ordered the RUC to cease further interrogation.

Many youths in the Nationalist areas of the North of Ireland have gone into hiding after being threatened that they would be next for an interrogation session.

Kevin Nolan is the chairperson for the "Voice of the Innocent Campaign" which is an organization of the relatives of the young kids who have been arrested.

"For a full five days the kids were brutalized by acts of constant slapping on the back of the head, their testicles were threatened and squeezed and sometimes the kids fainted, and in some cases they put a lighter under the testicles," Nolan said in an interview last November. "Some were lifted up by the ears and dropped, they'd put them up against a wall and constantly punched them; they'd set them in a corner of a room, put the lights out and then fists and boots start flying to their head and body. A brutal one was young Hugh McLauglin (18), two fingers of a RUC man went up his nostrils and he was lifted clean off the floor... he now suffers from bad headaches. One young lad was stripped and threatened with rape...What they went through they would sign their lives away just to get out of there...The kids were also threatened with execution by loyalist paramilitaries."

In the North of Ireland there are non-jury Diplock courts in which a signed confession is all that is needed for a conviction. Many have been forced to sign statements and now face 20 years in prison having been connected to attacks on the British army.

The only qualifications to be targeted are: if you are young (but older than 16 because then you can be interrogated without a parent or solicitor present), living in a nationalist area and were born a Catholic.

"Seven days is the maximum they can hold you without being charged...after 7 days they have to charge you," said Danny Petticrew who was hiding from the RUC. When I asked him why the security forces would be targeting youths he said, "They're trying to intimidate the young people, put 'em away say for 1 or 2 years on remand, then they'll be thinking, god no I'm not going to get involved in any political or no terrorist organization cause, if I'm going to go through this all my life then I'm not going to do it... it's youth internment, taking the good kids off the street and charging them with anything... They're taking the young people because they see them as being vulnerable, none of them has got a real hiding before, they haven't been through life yet, they're still young. They take these youngsters in and beat the crap outa them and they know they're gonna sign their lives away... It's mental torture as well, not just physical torture."

Sinn Féin is a political party that runs for seats in parliament and on the city council representing the nationalist community. They have repeatedly warned that, "what we are witnessing were not isolated cases of ill-treatment or torture but a systematic and sanctioned policy of torture which cannot be seen in isolation of an overall escalation in British repression, which is being directed at the highest levels of the British state and it's six counties (the partitioned 'Northern' state) administration." The British state has admitted that between late 1987 and February 1988, some 6000 nationalist houses were raided.

The details of torture and human rights abuses in the North of Ireland since the non-violent civil rights movement was beaten off the streets, could fill phone books, and many of the basic demands of the civil rights movement have not yet been met. Clear-cut censorship and control of the media in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and internationally has guaranteed that only one side of the conflict is being heard.

But some information has come out in a poll done in "The Scotsman" (Oct.25/91) 61% of the people in Scotland, Wales and England supported the withdrawel of British troops.

You can get involved in the Amnesty International campaign by sending telegrams, telexes, faxes, express and airmail letters in english "urging an investigation into the allegations of ill-treatment in police custody in the case of Damien Austin, and that detectives at the Castlereagh (Belfast) interrogation centre responsible for interviewing Damien Austin are not assigned to conduct further interviews with suspects until completion of the investigation."

Jim Robertson

RU 486: an abortion pill and more

Pro-Lifers inhibit women's access to French drug

Relentlessly pursuing their goal of saving lives, the pro-life movement may just achieve the opposite. North America's anti-abortion movement has so far prevented the French RU 486 pill - most widely known as the abortion pill - from entering the North American market.

RU 486, named after the French pharmaceutical company which designed it, is an antiprogesterone drug which can induce abortion when administered in early pregnancy.

Due to pressure from pro-life groups who have called for pickets and demonstrations against any company willing to bring the drug to market, Rousell-Uclaf has taken the unprecedented action of suspending distribution of the drug. Fearing the boycott of its other products in North America, the company has announced that it has no intention of marketing the drug in any nation outside of France.

The irony of the situation is that RU 486 has incredible potential beyond the termination of pregnancy. The drug has the potential to save lives.

Researchers found the drug shows great promise for the successful treatment of breast and prostate cancer, Cushing's syndrome, glaucoma and infertility. It also can be used to induce labor and as a menstrual initiator.

The result of the pressure exerted by pro-lifers inhibits the entry of the drug into North America where further research could be conducted into the valuable effects of RU 486.

The implications of not importing the drug thus goes far beyond the abortion issue. It is crucial that time and money be invested internationally into this drug which has the potential of saving thousands of lives each year.

RU 486 is an antiprogestin. The drug is very similar to progesterone - a key hormone in the establishment and maintenance of human pregnancy. It blocks the effects of progesterone by fitting into the receptor sites where the hormone would normally have an effect. The receptor sites once filled, the hormone cannot do any work after it is released by the body.

Since RU 486 is a non-invasive procedure and does not require anesthesia, it may in fact be safer than aspiration abortion.

The drug can be used as early as one week after a missed period and as late as 7 weeks into pregnancy. RU 486 must be taken with a follow up dose of protaglandine - either by injection or suppository - in the following 48 hours. Coupled together, RU 486 and prostaglandine are 95% effective in inducing a complete abortion.

The side effects reported by women using RU 486 are similar to those of a spontaneous miscarriage - bleeding, some nausea, fatigue, and uterine cramps. A small percentage of women have had cardio-vascular side effects. For these reasons RU 486 must be administered under qualified medical supervision.

Cynthia Kelly of Concordia's Pro-Choice Collective says the greatest danger of not legalizing the drug in Canada is that it could be given to women by people who are not competant.

"There is a chance it can be used in back street abortions. Women cannot go back to that under any circumstance."

The World Health Organization estimates that as many as 200,000 women die each year from illegal abortions.

Kelly says the collective will concentrate their efforts on giving out information about RU 486 before they decide to take a stand on the issue.

"RU 486 is relatively unknown. We need to inform women about it so they can make their own choices about the pill."

Rousell-Ucalf temporarily took the drug off the market in France but the French Minister of Health stepped in and ordered the company to resume distribution.

Rousell-Ucalf has said it would export the drug to other countries under the condition that there is public consensus in favor of the drug and that top government officials of the recipient country express the desire that the drug be made available.

Isn't it time that the Canadian government overlooks business and political concerns and takes a stand to ensure the availability of this very important drug.

By bending to the pressure of pro-life lobbyists our government is not only keeping women from receiving safer abortions, but it is also slowing down the much needed research into breast and prostate cancer.

Maryse Cardin

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to a more bilingual approach. In this way francophone students can broaden their economic base by acquiring the knowledge to be taught the international language of business and communication-english.

Many English Quebecers at Concordia feel betrayed by the treatments from their francophone counterparts. The francophones seem to have taken a stance of indifference to questions of minority language rights or freedom of expression. The slow annihilation of an english society in Quebec seems for many a consequence of French Quebecers's obsession to protect their language and culture.

Where collective rights was once a dominant theme underlying Quebec society, today self-individual rights, pronounced by Milton Friedman and Robert Nozick, is taking a right turn in our society, where people are becoming more selfish and the idea of respecting differences is being dismantled. Has the society become so vain that they are unaware of the deterioraton happening right before their eyes?

The "greedy 80's" are behind us and as we have just entered a new ear, it is time to re-evaluate certain morals and to assess our goals so as to have a more vibrant and functional society. Co-operation needs to be taken on a grander scale if Quebec and Canada want to enjoy and ever-lasting sense of security.

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Athletics sexism moving to sidelines

by Lucy Niro

Introducing Concordia's athletics department before it was finally charged with institutionalized sexism at the start of January 1984.

The coaches and administrators were all men.

The only woman was Theresa Humes, who is now retired.

She was the secretary.

Pat Boland, intramural coordinator at the Loyola sports complex and women's basketball coordinator, was the last woman in a managerial position efore Humes. Boland left for Toronto in 1977.

Responsibility for coordinating the women's athletics program was dumped on Humes' lap and passed around from one man director to another.

Humes and six men then had to defend the department against the sexism charges before a Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL)—which funds athletics—subcommittee studying the role of athletics.

A 1983 report by the Concordia Committee on the Status of Women used the department's 1981-82 budget as a blatant example of sexism and suggested an investigation into further disparities.

The budget for that year showed that out of a total $127,000 slated for varsity sports, women received only $22,000.

After countless testimonies and reports on gender discrimination, the CCSL subcommittee—made up of seven men—submitted a final report April 25, 1985.

The report recommended that the department hire more women in senior management positions and set up more women's athletics programs.

Kathy McDonald was hired as associate director of the women's program almost six years ago.

She says up until January, there were four women in senior management positions: Athletics coordinator of interuniversity programs and women's volleyball coach Melanie Sanford, facilities coordinator and assistant women's hockey coach Julie Healy, officer manager Linda Corrigan, and McDonald, who then became associate director of both men's and women's programs.

However, McDonald applied for a job in the university's vice-rector services office and begins a three-year term in June.

Meanwhile, her position in the athletics department remains vacant and may be scrapped altogether because of financial constraints. Most of her duties will be split between Sanford and Healy.

McDonald says when she became associate director of the women's program, there was pressure from some men in the department who were happy with the status quo.

"Before 1985-86, changes were forced on the department. But from that point on, we embarked on a buying-in process. We were talking about visions and values," McDonald says.

"All our discussions were documented...We had to build from the grassroots. Sexist jokes went out the window and there was respect among co-workers. We also had a sexual harassment session with the coaches."

Concordia's sexual harassment officer Sally Spilhaus says she gave a workshop sexual harassment and assault last November to the department coaching crew, which is still male-dominated.

"(Athletics director Bob Philip) was also in favor of providing workshops for athletes in much the same way as they get a talk on drugs."

Philip, who also sits on the university's sexual harassment committee, says men must be tuned into sexual harassment through education.

"We want men to know that the snide sexual remarks are not acceptable anymore," Philip says. "That's been cut down and eliminated altogether. People are more conscious of what they're saying."

But Spilhaus says she doubts workshops will permanently get this message across.

"In the short-term, people will have information on the types of sanctions involved, but I'm skeptical about (how effective) these workshops will be in the long term," Spilhaus says.

"I try very much to organize my (workshop) material in terms of where the people are coming from and what their experience is in school."

Women's hockey coach Les Lawton says he's glad his players can turn to his assistant coach, Julie Healy, if they want to discuss such sensitive issues.

"We (Lawton and Healy) do get quite personal with some of the players who have social or academic problems," says Lawton, who has been coaching women's hockey for the past 10 years.

"But if the women are uncomfortable with me, I have an assistant coach who's a woman. I wouldn't want an assistant male coach. Having a woman balances things out."

Spilhaus says there were only four formal sexual harassment complaints this year. None of these came from the athletics department.

"(But) one of the problems with the university is that there are no centralized statistics on sexual harassment. You have to fish around from department to department," Spilhaus says.

McDonald says what has been centralized in the athletics department, though, is its budget. "Now, (varsity teams) are only getting what they need, not what they're used to."

However, the department's current budget shows that men's varsity teams are still getting what they've traditionally gotten—more money than women.

PHOTO BY ANDREA SLONOFSKY

Julie Healy shows how door of opportunity for women athletes opens a crack.

Out of the more than $285,000 allocated to varsity teams, women's teams got nearly $111,000.

Still, Philip says women's varsity sports teams are getting their fair share of the varsity athletics budget pie.

"If you look at the budget closely, the women's basketball team needs a larger budget ($32,463) than the men ($28,075) because of their non-conference schedules. And they have to play more exhibition games. But the men get subsidized because they play in Ontario," Philip says.

"In hockey, equipment is a big thing. Men break all kinds of sticks and women break virtually no sticks. The men's budget for sticks alone is $12,000 and the women's is $500. That's just a reality."

The men's hockey budget is $57,996 compared to $33,433 for the women.

But Philip says he still wants to even up the number of men's and women's varsity sports. There are now seven men's versus six women's varsity sports. Tnis slight imbalance stems from the fact that there aren't any women's football or wrestling teams.

It's not because women are less competitive, but because they've been getting silent messages from when they were very young that it's not feminine or appropriate to take part in sports

Volleyball—which was born out of the department's mandate to increase the women's athletics programs—is the only varsity sport not offered to men.

And the volleyball team's coach, Melanie Sanford, is also the department's first and only full-time woman coach.

McDonald and Philip hired Sanford almost four years ago.

"When we began the volleyball program here, we had all the opportunities and resources. I'm surprised they never had volleyball here before," says Sanford, whose office walls are decorated with medals and laminated photos of women in volleyball action.

"We work out in the Loyola gym. Any requests I've had for additional practice time, the department has supported me 100 per cent."

She says men wanting to start up a varsity volleyball team regularly come knocking at her door.

Sanford adds that she's interested in coaching the men's team when it takes shape.

"I haven't seen any women coaching men's volleyball," says Sanford, who used to coach the University of Victoria men's team.

A study released last year by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport shows that at the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union level, there are only four women coaching men's teams full-time compared to 146 men coaches.

There are 58 women coaching women's teams full-time and 45 men, according to the study.

Sanford says affirmative action programs had a hand in her thriving career as a coach and coordinator for interuniversity programs.

"I don't go around preaching women's rights. I know women face barriers. Before I came here, I faced a lot of that, but I never let it get to me," Sanford says.

Facilities coordinator Julie Healy didn't let what she refers to as the department's "old boys' network" get to her when McDonald and Philip hired her more than five years ago.

"It's kind of the family atmosphere we have now, which we didn't have when I first got here," says Healy.

"Everybody was suspicious of everyone and people didn't work together. People were fearing for their jobs. They feared what power, especially the women, were going to end up getting."

Sports information officer Mike Hickey agrees the department was shrouded in secrecy when former athletics director Ed Enos was at the helm.

"When Ed was the director, there were a lot of things people didn't know," says Hickey, who is also the women's basketball coach.

"There wasn't access to the budget and whether things were done right or wrong, you were leaving yourself open to criticism."

Philip took over as director in May 1987 after Enos resigned the month before. Enos is still teaching in the exercise science department although he is on sabbatical until the end of May.

Judy Gill, a John Abbott college physical education teacher and a Concordia part-time leisure studies professor, says Enos' attitude towards women in athletics was reflective of most attitudes in the department at the time.

"I think it was the women's rugby team who made this videotape when they were trying to raise funds. And they asked Ed what he thought they should do to raise more money," says Gill, who submitted a 40-page report in April 1985 to the CCSL subcommittee on the role of athletics.

"And he responded that they should have a bake sale. It's hysterical. But that's what the attitudes were like."

And these attitudes also fed into the myth that women aren't interested in competing athletically or physical conditioning, Gill says.

"It's not because women are less competitive, but because they've been getting silent messages from when they were very young that it's not feminine or appropriate to take part in sports," says Gill, who was John Abbott's first woman athletics director 20 years ago.

But the department made significant strides in reversing discrimination against women after the affirmative action program was implemented, says women's hockey team coach Les Lawton.

"Volleyball, basketball, hockey, these are considered major sports. Six or seven years ago, they played second fiddle to men's sports," Lawton says.

"But the women staffers fought for rights and now, everyone here is accepted for what they are."

Both the men and women in the department's administration agree that the main hurdle for women athletes is deplorable facilities.

"In 1967, when the Loyola complex was built, the only way women could access the weight room was through the men's changing room," Philip says.

"In the last 10-15 years, more and more women are becoming conscious of physical activity and are demanding more. I believe 52 per cent of of the student body is female. We need new facilities to be able to respond to their demands."

At the Canadian Interuniversity level, statistics for lasty year by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport, reveal that there are now 409 more women athletes than there were 12 years ago, bringing the total of woman athletes to 2,520.

The number of men athletes—4,449—increased by 623 in the past 12 years.

Philip pointed out that a new swimming pool at the Loyola complex will attract more women.

However, volleyball player Heather Barager says the department must first deal with the more chronic facilities problems women athletes face.

"The provisions and publicity are still very much geared towards men's sports," says Barager, a fourth-year music student.

"There are only three rooms for

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Wesch, Nerette lead Stingers past Patriotes for league title

by Danny Clarke

Natascha Wesch scored three times and goaltender Pamela Nerette stopped 22 shots as the Concordia Stingers pocketed their fourth straight Quebec Women's Interuniversity Hockey League provincial championship with a 4-2 victory over the St. Laurent Patriotes last Saturday at Loyola.

At the outset of training camp, Stinger coach Les Lawton decided to split the program into two, giving more playing time to the rookies. He watched on Saturday as the Stingers' frosh contingent ended a season-long chase, giving Lawton his 200th win in nine years at Concordia. The Stingers have won the league title an incredible seven times since he's been here.

The Patriotes, who edged Con U by two points for first overall after regular season play, defeated John Abbott College to reach the final. The Stingers swept an improved McGill Martlet team in their best-of-three semi-final.

St. Laurent finished 12-1-2, losing only to Concordia on Feb. 21, while the Stingers did not lose another league game since being upset by Bishop's on Oct. 30. That loss proved to be the difference after Concordia wound up their 15-game schedule at 11-2-2.

On Saturday though, the maturation process of 15 rookies took hold, bringing the title despite a semi-diluted line-up. The A-squad plays an independant schedule. Next season, the experience gained will be needed as Concordia vies for entry to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. That also means they may be leaving the QWIHL, which could make this their last Quebec banner.

After beating the Pats 2-1 in game one last Wednesday, Friday's contest was postponed because of poor ice conditions at Loyola. Concordia's drive was not stalled though.

"We haven't lost since the third game of the year," said Stinger captain Lynn Ann Mageau, who scored the second goal on a pretty passing play initiated by Lisa Devison. "We lost to (St. Laurent) in the first game of the season, but we weren't ready for them then. The second time we play them we tied, and the third time we beat them. We've improved a lot. We went into the year with 16 rookies. But I don't think (St. Laurent) knew what to expect (in the final)."

The clinching goal Saturday came in the third period when Patriote goalie Geneviève Gelinas should have known what to expect hugging the goalpost, as Wesch stormed in from the right side, shaking off a defender. She snapped a low shot to the open side at 10:52 for the hat-trick and, by extension, the game and provincial title.

The Pats looked like a beaten team at that point, despite a last minute barrage of chances which Nerette skillfully turned aside. Concordia outshot St. Laurent 26-24.

Going into the series, Lawton was concerned that St. Laurent's physical style would draw the Stingers into a penalty box tug-of-war, but that didn't happen. Concordia won the game because they performed well on the power play, scoring three advantage goals. The Pats' specialty teams were 0-5, despite a much trumped-up power play.

"(St. Laurent) took some foolish penalties," said Lawton. "We just wanted to wear them down. We had more depth than they did with three strong lines going into the final."

Lisa Devison was a superb play-making counterpart to Wesch while playing the point on the power play, assisting on two of her goals, including a crisp cross-slot pass which Wesch chipped up top for a 3-2 lead and the winner at 4:13 of the second. Devison also assisted on Mageau's goal.

Alternate captain Suzanne LePage, and Wesch's linemates Lisa Jordan and Laurie Cartman also had a hand in the goals, with an assist each.

Nancy Robitaille and Marie-Josée Moranville scored St. Laurent's goals.

QWIHL ALL-STARS

Pamela Nerette, Concordia	**G**
Darquise Jolette, UQTR	G
Christine Dupuis, St. Laurent	D
Kelly Ryan, John Abbott	D
Brenda Benson, McGill	W
Lucia Lafrance, St. Laurent	W
Kathy Morrison, McGill	C
Karine Vanasse, St. Laurent	C

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QWIHL MVP— Pamela Nerette, Concordia
Rookie of the year— Brenda Benson, McGill
Coach of the year— Geoff Philips, McGill

PHOTO BY PHILIP CARPENTER

St. Laurent's Lucia Lafrance chases Stinger Debbie Woods-Turner into the corner for the puck during game two of the QWIHL finals at Loyola. The Stingers won 4-2 to sweep the Pats two games to none and win their fourth straight Quebec title.

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Women ranked third behind McGill and Laval.

Julie Klotz 1st	**Tanya Gilmour 15th**
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Men ranked fifth behind UQAM, U of M, Laval and McGill.

Mark Tilden 9th	**Gabriel Takacs 24th**
Brad Tagieff 16th	**Nick Lepipas 30th**
Brad Mackenzie 17th	**Derek Burgen 31st**

Combined team ranking: 4rth behind Laval, McGill and UQAM.

Athletics sexism

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women's teams in the whole university. On the men's side, there are two huge shower rooms and two huge changing rooms for men's football and basketball. It's frustrating when we have to cordon off a men's (changing room) section to host our women's teams. Until changes are made, you do feel like the second species."

She adds that security at the Loyola complex, where women's varsity teams practise sometimes until 8 p.m., is also poor because anyone could walk into the women's changing rooms.

And someone did at the end of last March.

A former Concordia woman basketball player was assaulted in the complex changing rooms as she was preparing to take a shower. A man was hiding behind the shower curtain with a video camera in hand.

When the woman screamed, the peeping Tom punched her twice in the nose and made a break for the door, but was tackled by the women's basketball assistant coach.

Says Philip: "If he hadn't punched her in the face, he wouldn't have been arrested. He was arrested for assault, but not for taking pictures in the can," Philip says.

Security was stepped up in the complex after this incident.

But women athletes are practising prevention as well.

Tanya Guitman, a women's basketball captain, says she and her teammates walk out of the Loyola complex together after an 8 p.m. practise because the parking lot is not well lighted.

Stingers gear up for nationals after loss to Brock in the Wilson Cup

Concordia's first draw in Halifax will be Winnipeg Wesmen

by Danny Clarke

The Concordia Stingers men's basketball team lost 111-87 on Sunday to the top-ranked Brock Badgers in the Wilson Cup final at Waterloo.

Concordia's participation in the Ontario Universities Athletic Association's championship playoff may have ended there. The OUAA has decided that they will oust Quebec schools from the league because of travel expenses and time constraints journeying to netherworlds such as Trois-Rivières.

Although last week there were grumbles emanating from the presidents of the Ontario schools involved with the OUAA. They may veto the collective decision of their athletic directors. As it stands, only Quebec hockey teams are being considered to remain OUAA power brokers.

So while everyone awaits word from the good 'ol boys, eight men's basketball teams are prepping for this weekend's national championship tournament, to be held in Halifax.

The Stingers are ranked seventh by virtue of their 83-76 victory over OUAA Central Division champs Laurentian in the Wilson Cup semis. It would have been much higher if they had beaten Brock.

Yesterday's slab 'o newsprint had this coaching faux pas credited to Badger boss Ken Murray: "I couldn't believe that Concordia wanted to run with us."

Seems innocent, but the Stingers are known for their running game and it's in transition mode that they thrive. In order for this to be an innocent remark, we'd have to assume that Murray did not know this. Either that, or it's Murray's contention that Stinger head coach John Dore's game plan was faulty.

"It appeared so, that's what it sounded like," said Dore, last year's co-recipient of the national coach of the year honors. "But if you would look into it, you would realize that ...(1) we out-rebounded them (actually - though not a big deal - Brock had one more rebound), and ...(2) we shot 40% from the field and they shot 60%, ...(3) they were 28 of 29 from the foul line and we were 8 for 15. All of those factors are determinates.

"We had 30 more shots than they did (82-44). If we played the way we normally play and they don't play as well as they did (on Sunday), it's an exception as well. It's a different game."

Are they 24 points better?

"No, I don't think so."

So a rematch is needed, but the card dealt the Stingers has a Winnipeg Wesmen logo on it. The Wesmen are ranked second in the country after battling division rivals Manitoba and Brandon all season long. Manitoba was knocked off after several weeks at the number one spot and they won't be at the nationals, however Brandon snuck in on the wild card ticket.

"I haven't seen them yet," said Dore of Winnipeg. "I know they're a very big team. They have a seven-footer and a 6'9 guy inside. And the 6'9 guy is an All-Canadian candidate, he's a very good player.

"It's all a question of putting together three good games in a row," he said. "Whichever team does that of the eight, anybody could win it. If we play the way we played against Ottawa (Con U swept up the fragmented remains of the Gee Gees in the Ottawa-St. Lawrence division final), we could beat anybody in the country. We feel we have a good shot at it."

A Message to Our Staff and the Students We Serve

The Situation

There has been a great deal of slander, gossip, rumour and innuendo about CUSA circulating in the past few weeks. The officers and employees of the association have chosen to ignore it - not because we are afraid to address the various accusations but because those making them have been too cowardly to come forward and present their complaints openly and in a forum which would allow all parties an opportunity to respond.

Last week, a number of the Association's Directors attempted to wrest most legal powers away from the duly-elected (something which cannot be said about any of the Directors involved) and constitutionally empowered officers of the Association.

They attempted to do so at a meeting which was illegally constituted. As a result, the meeting was ruled unconstitutional and all decisions of the meeting were anulled.

The Directors involved were informed of this ruling, but chose to ignore it. Instead of adhering to the constitutionally-established process for governing the association, this group of renegade Directors continues to attempt to impede the smooth functioning and day to day operations here at CUSA.

At the same time as this power grab was going on, our offices and officers have been the target of various obscene and vicious threats of violence. In addition, certain employees have been harassed in the offices, through the mail and over the telephone.

As a result of these circumstances, those of you who are our employees may find that your pay cheques have been frozen and that the atmosphere at work is tense and unpleasant. Those of you who use our services may find that there are unusual delays and that security around the office is tight.

We apologize for these inconveniences. We don't think anyone should have to work or learn in an atmosphere of violence and uncertainty. And we don't think anyone should encourage violence and non-confidence through irresponsible words, gestures and actions.

Unfortunately, we can't prevent a handful of individuals from committing reckless and offensive acts. We can, however, ask for your patience and indulgence AND we can continue to try to educate each other. Hopefully, some day it will be apparent, even to this obscene minority, that their actions are unacceptable in any context - but especially here in our Concordia community.

What we're doing to help you

If you are an employee, do not cash you cheque without consulting your immediate supervisor. They will instruct you about where to go to have your cheque honored. If you have already had difficulty cashing your cheque, bring it to the attention of your supervisor and we will take whatever steps necessary to ensure that you are paid. We appreciate how badly you all need your honestly-earned and well-deserved wages and we thank you for your understanding.

If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe in your work place - DO NOT BE SILENT. Talk to your supervisor, your union representatives or your fellow workers. We will make any changes necessary to guarantee your safety and peace of mind.

To ensure the safety of our employees and clientele, we have taken special security measures. The University's Security service is taking special steps to patrol our offices. And we have added extra staff to monitor the offices and talk with concerned students.

What you can do to help

Above all else, be patient and understanding. All of us are doing the best we can and are trying to cope with a difficult and stressful situation.

Take responsibility for your own words and actions. Don't be part of the backlash. Before you spread gossip or rumours, think about what you're saying. Are you sure that it's true? Have you heard any proof? Have you thought about how damaging a slanderous statement can be, especially if the parties involved aren't given a chance to defend themselves?

Don't perpetuate negative stereotypes and myths. Challenge those who do.

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